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SUBJECT: KOREA AND FIRST COMMITTEE AGENDA AT 30TH GA

1. DR. BANERJEE, FIRST COMMITTEE SECRETARY, TELLS US HE HAS PROPOSED TO CHAIRMAN GHORRA THAT THE FIRST COMMITTEE SHOULD HOLD ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY MORNING 25 SEPTEMBER. HE SAID HE HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT, AS LAST YEAR, THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD AT THAT MEETING OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO INVITING THE ROK AND DPRK FOREIGN MINISTERS TO SPEAK WHEN THE KOREAN ITEM IS DISCUSSED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, BANERJEE SAID HE BELIEVES THE MOST PRACTICABLE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR FIRST COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION WOULD BE (A) OUTER SPACE, (B) DISARMAMENT, (C) KOREA, (D) STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. OUTER SPACE WOULD REQUIRE 10 MEETINGS (1 WEEK), DISARMAMENT 60. KOREA COULD THUS BE READY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN PRESSURING HIM TO PROPOSE THAT KOREA BE TAKEN UP AS THE FIRST ITEM; HE HAD REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DECIDE BUT HE BELIEVED THAT DISARMAMENT EXPERTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHO WOULD COME FROM CAPITALS, WOULD LIKELY PRESS TO HAVE THE

DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION TAKE PLACE AT THE USUAL TIME,
NAMELY, THROUGHOUT THE OCTOBER PERIOD.

3. BANERJEE SAID AMB PARK HAD ASKED THAT THE COMPETING
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED AS DOCUMENTS OF THE FIRST
COMMITTEE BY THE TIME OF ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.
HE HAD PASSED THIS REQUEST, WITH HIS SUPPORT, TO UNDER
SECRETARY-GENERAL SHEVCHENKO. MISOFF REFERRED BRIEFLY TO THE
DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAD ACCOMPANIED THEIR ISSUANCE LAST
YEAR AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE WOULD NOT BE EXPERIENCED
ANEW. BANERJEE WAS QUITE POSITIVE AND SAID HE HAD REMARKED
TO SHEVCHENKO THAT THE TWO RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED
"IN THE USUAL WAY," I.E., THE "JAPANESE DRAFT," WHICH HAD BEEN
TABLED EARLIER, BEING ASSIGNED THE LOWER NUMBER.

4. BANERJEE MADE NO MENTION OF THE ALGERIAN GROUP'S
REQUEST FOR VOTING PRIORITY FOR THEIR RESOLUTION, NOR DID
MISOFF.

5. COMMENT: THE ALGERIAN GROUP COULD, CONCEIVABLY, PRESS
THEIR REQUEST FOR PRIORITY TO THE VOTE AT THE 25 SEPTEMBER
MEETING, ALTHOUGH THERE SHOULD BE RESISTANCE ON THE PART OF
UNCOMMITTED MEMBERS TO DECIDING VOTING PRIORITIES SO FAR IN
ADVANCE OF DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM.
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